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Minutes 11/13/2003

Capital Planning Minutes
 November 13, 2003

In attendance were:

- * Steve Andrew
- John Bilafer (represented by Fred Fantini)
- John FitzMaurice
- Charles Foskett, Chairman
- Nancy T. Galkowski
- Rob Addelson
- * Anthony Lionetta
- * Ruth Lewis
- * Barbara Thornton

* Denotes those not in attendance

Others present: John Maher, Town Counsel
 Roberto Scalese – Arlington Advocate

Rob Addelson went through the Framingham Capital Improvement Program with committee members.

Newsrack Study Committee

John Maher, representing the Newsrack Study Committee, presented the committee's Capital request for \$15,000. The committee reviewed two alternative structures to house the proliferation of news rack boxes on Arlington's streets. The "condo" type would house 10 boxes in an enclosed structure. The corral type, which is expandable, would enclose the existing boxes within a structure. The Newsrack Committee prefers the condo structure. Each condo structure would cost about \$5,000 with the committee requesting three structures on a trial basis. The Town would propose charging a fee for the use of the structure.

The Capital Planning Committee recommended that a long-range plan be developed and that discussions with the news distributors take place. Additionally, a revised by-law would need to be approved by Town Meeting. This request should be considered for funding in FY06.

Capital Planning Capacity

C. Foskett reviewed the capital plan forecast of debt and cash and 5% of predicted revenues. The plan as put in place last year appears to be on target with limited room for growth (\$100,000).

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On a motion by R. Addelson, seconded by C. Foskett, the minutes of October 30, 2003 were approved.

Public Safety Subcommittee

R. Addelson and J. FitzMaurice reported on the follow-up questions to the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Park Circle Fire Station

If Park Circle Fire Station is not recommended for funding in FY2005, R. Maimone would request funding for architectural study for Headquarters. Additionally, R. Maimone is concerned with maintenance of the fire stations in the interim and would request \$10,000 for extraordinary repairs.

Replacement of Fire Prevention Vehicle

The subcommittee requested further maintenance information from R. Maimone.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

This is to purchase 30 backup units.

Police

Cruiser Replacement – 5 replacement vehicles - \$126,000

9-1-1 Center – The Town has submitted a grant application to Homeland Security for a backup to the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network (BAPERN) in the amount of \$2.4 million. Should this be unsuccessful, the necessary upgrading of our emergency 9-1-1 center will cost \$500,000.

Building Repair – continuing program focusing on ceilings, walls, and rugs in the Community Safety Building - \$50,000.

Copier Replacement - \$4,500.

Radio Maintenance – on-going program to update portable radios - \$7,500.

Body Armor – on-going program to replace bullet proof vests - \$5,000 for 5 vests.

Radar - \$3,500 for laser radar.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.